

*Opposes Job-Killing Bill to Cut Funding for Public Radio*

Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Bruce Braley (IA-01) stood up to Republican efforts to kill funding for public radio and the jobs that depend on it. After voting against the job-killing bill, Rep. Braley released the following statement:

“Voters spoke clearly last November: we’ve got to get our deficit under control. So it’s a little confusing to me why Republicans in the House would try to kill 9,000 jobs and cut a program whose cost has absolutely no effect on the deficit according to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office.

“Public radio provides thousands of jobs across the country, including in my home state of Iowa. Why would we jeopardize these jobs if it will do nothing to bring down our deficit? Why are we taking up this bill to cut a valuable, educational program when we don’t even have a budget agreement? I know my constituents are scratching their heads as much as I am. I’ve received thousands of letters, emails and calls asking me why Congress is focusing on this instead of creating jobs and bringing down the deficit.

“Well I think it’s past due time we gave them an answer – and actually started voting on bills that create jobs instead of killing them.”